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Vitter, Bjork visit ASB Senate to explain mascot; Landshark resolution passes



At the ASB meeting Tuesday, Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter and Athletics Director Ross Bjork speak about the recent announcement of plans to switch to the Landshark mascot.

RACHEL ISHEE
MADDIE MCGEE
NEWS EDITORS

A resolution to adopt the Landshark as the official mascot passed 29-15 -1 Tuesday evening on the ASB Senate floor. Before the vote, Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter and Athletics Director Ross Bjork fielded senators’ questions regarding Friday’s announcement to change the official mascot to the Landshark, effective for the 2018 football season.

Some senators wondered why the process to officially adopt the Landshark seemed rushed. The ASB-sponsored poll to gauge support for the

Landshark closed Friday, Sept. 29, and the university issued its official announcement last Friday, a week later.

Vitter said the university had been conducting research for changing the mascot, and the poll provided additional support for the change.

“The Landshark has grown, and it’s a commonly accepted symbol now,” Vitter said. “We wanted an official process to bring people together and make a decision. We sought to find a balance, and I think we reached that.”

Bjork said the ASB-sponsored poll was only one facet of the research the university used.

“The ASB put out a four-day window, and we took the results and added it to

the rest of our analysis,” he said. “We also grabbed a lot of anecdotal evidence. We do what’s called a ‘Rebel Road Trip,’ and everywhere we go, people ask us why we don’t just get rid of the bear. For me, that feedback has been happening over the past 5 1/2 years.”

Other senators asked how university officials planned to implement the mascot change without turning the university into a laughingstock.

“We have to take extreme ownership over the Landshark,” Bjork said. “It’s going to take a little bit of time, but we think we can get back to the unification piece and people can be positive about this.”

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Students respond to statue, plaque repairs

LANA FERGUSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Repair work began Monday on the Confederate soldier statue that a pickup truck crashed into last month.

Ryan Whittington, assistant director of public relations for social media strategy for the university, released a statement Monday morning about the repairs.

A structural stability evaluation determined the statue did not sustain any structural damage, according to the statement. He said the base of the statue only suffered cosmetic damage, but the contextualization plaque and its base were damaged beyond repair.

“A new plaque has been ordered and will be installed upon receipt, which is expected to occur before Oct. 20,” Whittington said.

The university expects to complete all the repairs within the next couple weeks.

No public funds will be used to repair the statue or the plaque, Whittington told The Daily Mississippian on Tuesday night.

“In addition, the university is exploring potential legal options

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LGBTQ film project boosts minority student voice

BRITTANY BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Today is the 29th National Coming Out Day. In honor of this year’s National Coming Out Day, students Kristen Walker and Malik Pridgeon, along with UM Pride Network and Queer People of Color, are creating a video project to shed light on the challenges

faced by people of color in the LGBTQ community.

QPOC is a new organization on campus, started in March by Walker and Pridgeon with the guidance of Jaime Cantrell, a visiting assistant professor of English and faculty affiliate of the Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies. Walker also holds a new position within UM Pride Network as minority

outreach chair.

Both the new position and new organization came into existence around the same time, and Walker said she felt they were necessary.

“(UM Pride) is a very welcoming space, but it’s a very white space,” Walker, a senior English major, said. “I saw a need for more representation.”

Walker said she has seen more people of color come

to UM Pride Network’s meetings and show interest in QPOC. She and Pridgeon said their video project, titled “Hear Me Out,” has the potential to give minority LGBTQ students a voice.

“It’s all about visibility. Every effort we make is to show people we’re here (and) we have voices. That’s why this project is very near and dear to me,” Walker said. “Hear me

out. Hear what I’m saying to you. Hopefully, after it’s done, you understand me better.”

Walker said arriving at this mindset was not easy and coming out can be a challenging task for many in the LGBTQ community, especially people of color. Both Walker and Pridgeon faced criticism from their families after coming out.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution states: “A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” Obviously the need for a state militia has been replaced by the National Guard and Coast Guard whereby trained military personnel are entrusted with the defense of this country against domestic enemies. Their weapons are tightly controlled and safeguarded.

The only two reasons for a citizen to own a firearm are for hunting or defense of the household from intruders. In either case, ownership of a handgun, shotgun or rifle is more than adequate to satisfy these purposes. There is absolutely no need for any U.S. civilian to own any weapon more powerful or sophisticated than these.

Accordingly, all handguns, shotguns and rifles must be licensed and registered to the degree necessary to match weapon to owner at the click of a computer key. Furthermore, we must guarantee that the mentally ill do not gain access to them under any circumstances. Finally, if we had prohibited the purchase of more sophisticated weapons, several innocent victims would not have died or been harmed at shopping malls, college campuses, congressional meetings, churches and now concerts. We as a country must deal with this issue immediately lest our society fall back to the days when everyone carried a holster.

Joe Bialek is from Cleveland.

I am a native of Puerto Rico, an Ole Miss grad, a former AROTC cadet regimental commander and a former U.S. Army officer. I am submitting this response to Mr. Dean’s opinion published in The Daily Mississippian on Oct. 4, 2017.

It pains me to see misinformation and vitriol published for the purpose of politics by someone with neither firsthand knowledge nor “official” reports.

Attacking a lady for trying to save her people, especially those in hospitals without power, is despicable.

I have family and friends there. Ninety-seven percent are still without power. Roads are damaged or blocked. Communications is slowly being restored. Most businesses are shut down. The civilian infrastructure is unable to function.

Gen. Buchanan just arrived a few days ago and agrees with the mayor’s statements. There is a video interview with Gen. Buchanan supporting these facts.

Note: Puerto Rico has had U.S. citizenship for more than a century without the need for immigration. Many have served in every U.S. war since 1917.

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“When I first came out, I was outed by my parents (and) my sister. My parents are struggling with me being so visible,” Pridgeon, a senior public policy and philosophy double major, said. “Even though they would want me to be gay and not be out about it, this project is important. It might not happen overnight, but I’m changing the heart and mind of someone.”

Walker’s coming out story is different. She came out around this time last year.

“I recently came out after, like, 10 years of not being out about my sexuality. It was a very big challenge but very liberating. Once I finally did, it was a big part of me to discover,” Walker said.

Pridgeon and Walker, who serve as QPOC executive director and deputy director, respectively, have interviewed eight students so far, and they have at least three more interviews planned. Neither Walker nor Pridgeon expected “Hear Me Out” to get as much interest as it has so far.

“I was nervous. It’s hard to be out and to be a person of color. There’s a lot of stigma around being out. I still don’t know how big this could get, because there are a lot of people who are afraid,” Pridgeon said. “Black culture is not very open to gay people.”

Walker said there is still hesitance and fear among people of color to join the project, and she is mindful of how she conducts interviews and presents the project.

“I’ve also seen a lot of bravery,” Walker said. “You can tell people are nervous, but you can tell it’s a weight-lifting and learning experience for them, as well.”

Pridgeon and Walker said “Hear Me Out” is about redefining the narrative surrounding LGBTQ communities of color.

“This is about being who we are supposed to be — being out, being visible and telling our truth,” Pridgeon said.

Walker said she hopes “Hear Me Out” plants a seed in the community to foster empathy and help people better understand LGBTQ people of color.

“It was a very intimate project for me at first. We don’t know how big it’s going to get. I’d be ready to take it on,” Walker said.

Audio and video from “Hear Me Out” will be on display from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, National Coming Out Day, at the Union at UM Pride Network’s table, and it will be premiered at UM Pride Network’s Tuesday meeting.

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Vitter also said Colonel Reb was retired 14 years ago and is not an option for mascot.

“The reason the original decision was made was because Colonel Reb was found to be non-inclusive and offensive,” he said. “As Ole Miss Rebels, we care about everyone in our community, and the image of Colonel Rebel violates our creed.”

Although some senators were concerned with the way Vitter announced the mascot change on Friday because he did not discuss it with ASB Senate, many senators seemed supportive of Vitter and Bjork’s decision to attend and participate in Tuesday’s meeting.

“I thought that it was very important Chancellor Vitter and Vice Chancellor Bjork showed up to Senate tonight, because there were so many concerns within Senate about our organization being circumvented,” Sen. Julia Grant said.

“I’m happy they showed up, and I’m happy that they actually do care in a way that they will actually show up when the student body is questioning

them,” Sen. Tristan Estrada said. “When it was a time to question them, they went there and they answered.”

Once Vitter and Bjork had left the meeting, the senators debated their original resolution to change the mascot to the Landshark.

“The mascot change is not legitimate until students have their say,” Grant, one of the resolution’s authors, said.

While many student senators agreed the Landshark should be adopted as the official mascot, they did not agree with its selection process.

“I’m disappointed that the chancellor overstepped Senate,” Sen. Katie Davis said. “But at the end of the day, the Landshark will still be the mascot no matter what.”

An amendment to revise the original resolution was proposed and passed in a 41-3 vote. The resolution was amended to say that the ASB Senate accepts the university’s

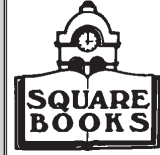
decision to make the Landshark the official mascot of the Ole Miss Rebels.

“In the beginning, I was against how it was worded, because I wasn’t going to lie to the students who voted me in and say ‘Hey, we did think of it first,’” Estrada said. “But when they amended it, I was all for it because they stated what was actually happening. I didn’t want to lie to the students.”

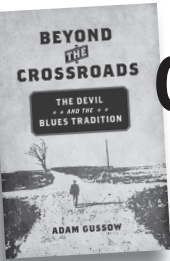
While ASB senators felt the announcement may have been rushed, they are happy to see the Landshark as the official mascot.

“Their decision to announce Friday was one made after discussing with a lot of different parties, such as students, alumni and athletics,” Sen. Nekkitia Beans said. “I feel like they did it while we had the momentum and while we were excited. Had they waited for us to announce now, the momentum would have been lost.”

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to recover the cost of damages from the driver of the vehicle in the incident,” Whittington said.

Students Against Social Injustice and the UM NAACP released a statement Tuesday criticizing the university’s decision to repair the statue.

“The repair and continued display of this monument by the University of Mississippi will be viewed as a disregard for the safety and inclusion of Black students, staff, and faculty,” the statement read.

Taia McAfee, SASI president and UM NAACP secretary, said that when she first heard about the repairs, she was angry and disappointed. She, SASI secretary Em Gill and UM NAACP president JoJo Brown decided to take this opportunity to write a statement sharing the voices of both groups.

“We felt that, to show the power of the students, we were going to release a joint one,” McAfee said.

She said the university seems to be moving very swiftly to complete this project, so now was the opportune time to speak up.

“Students have been fighting for this since before I came to this university, and I felt like it was very timely and necessary for us to release a statement,” McAfee said.

Brown said the UM NAACP does not support the Confederate soldier statue being in the center of campus.

“It’s not a good look,” Brown

said. “That’s really what the drive was for making this statement.”

Brown said releasing a statement allowed the voices of the students in SASI and UM NAACP to be heard.

“We’re using this opportunity to make this space on campus more welcome, more comfortable,” Brown said. “A lot of things that happen here happen on other campuses, but because of the history, because of the past, anything that happens on University of Mississippi’s campus is exemplified because of our history.”

She said that for the university to move the statue to the Confederate cemetery on campus or to a museum would be a big success and an opportunity for the university to continue its movement and progression towards diversity and change on campus.

“The University of Mississippi is always stressing how it’s a family,” Brown said. “Families eat dinner at the same table together, and if everybody’s not eating, then how is it a family? It’s a big deal to me that everyone is comfortable.”

Ole Miss administrators have seen the statement and are working to arrange a meeting with representatives from both SASI and UM NAACP, according to Whittington.

The Confederate soldier statue and its contextualization plaque, which have recently been the center of many debates relating to Confederate monuments in Oxford, were damaged when a truck crashed into the statue the night of Sept. 16. The driver, Coty Pierce Lew-



is, was charged with driving under the influence, expired tag, no proof of liability insurance and no driver’s license. Neither Lewis nor the passenger in the truck with him at the time of the crash was a current or former student or employee of the university.

The University Police Department has released a statement saying nothing indicated that the accident was intentional.

The statue was erected in the Circle in 1906, dedicated by Oxford and Lafayette County citizens. The Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on History and Context, established by Chancellor Jeffrey Vitter to help add context to campus sites and buildings, led the effort to place a contextualization plaque in front of the statue. The plaque was placed in March 2016.



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Barricades and caution tape were placed around the Confederate soldier statue after a pickup truck ran into it Sept. 16. Repairs began Monday.

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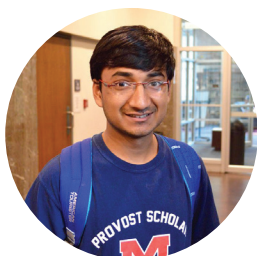
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WORD ON THE STREET

COMPILED BY JACQUELINE SCHLICK
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In this week's Word on the Street, we went around campus to find out who's going to Everybody's Formal on Friday.



ROHAN AGRAWAL

"I'm going because I'm a freshman and think it's important to explore new things."

Rohan Agrawal, a freshman computer science major from Central India



AUNDRILYN EVANS

"I didn't plan on it, because I wasn't aware it was happening. Now that I know about it, I'm considering going."

Aundrilyn Evans, a sophomore exercise science major from Starkville



BEN SALVADOR

"As a senior, I think I'll go just to have the most experiences I can before I graduate and to spend time with friends."

Ben Salvador, a senior social work major from Naperville, Illinois



JENNA WESCOTT

"No. I haven't even heard of it."

Jenna Wescott, a freshman nursing major from St. Louis

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Annual Harvest Supper transforms Rowan Oak

MEGAN SWARTZFAGER
STAFF WRITER

Rowan Oak’s pasture fences will come down Thursday evening to make room for the University of Mississippi Museum’s sixth annual Harvest Supper.

The Harvest Supper dinner and art auction takes place every year on the grounds of William Faulkner’s home, Rowan Oak. The event is the museum’s main fundraiser.

A significant portion of money raised by the event comes from ticket sales. Tickets are guaranteed to museum donors who give at or above the \$500 level. After Labor Day, the museum made tickets available to the public for \$150 each. It sold 400 tickets last year, but increased interest in the event led event coordinators to ex-

pand this year’s supper to serve 550 guests.

“It has grown so fast and become so popular just by word of mouth,” event coordinator Debra Nelson said. “Tickets sold out the day we opened them up to the public. There are some really interesting people who are going to be there.”

Large sums of money are donated to the museum during this event, but another source of income is the art auction. Each year, Friends of the Museum approaches artists — mainly local ones — to ask them to donate art. This year, 16 pieces from 15 different artists will be available at auction.

Artists donating works to this year’s auction include internationally recognized sculptor Tom Corbin; Robert Malone, adjunct assistant professor of art at the uni-

versity; Philip Jackson, associate professor of art; and Jason Bouldin, whose paintings are also featured on invitations sent to last year’s Harvest Supper sponsors.

Some pieces are sold through a silent auction, and others are sold in live auction during the Harvest Supper. The silent auction will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the live auction begins at 8:05 p.m. Those interested in submitting an absentee bid should contact the museum before 5 p.m. Wednesday. All artwork being auctioned at the Harvest Supper will be on display in the museum until the day of the event.

The funds raised through donations and the sale of tickets and artwork will be used to fund museum efforts like the maintenance of exhibits, Rowan Oak, the Walton-Young Historic House and Bailey’s Woods Trail.



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They will also finance acquisitions and the museum’s education programs.

According to the museum’s website, “Harvest Supper provides a quintessential Oxford-Ole Miss experience — a picturesque evening at Faulkner’s Rowan Oak.”

The grounds of Rowan Oak, which are open to the public from dawn to dusk most days of the year, are familiar to many in the Oxford community, but the grounds will be transformed during the event. The crossbars of the pasture fence will be temporarily removed to allow patrons to move more freely across the grounds, and the area will be strung with lights. Guests will have dinner outdoors, and the auction will take place in the same area where Faulkner himself once entertained guests.

Food will be provided by Elizabeth Heiskell Catering and A&N Catering, two Oxford-based catering companies. There will also be musical performances by Shardé Thomas & the Rising Star Fire and Drum Band as well as the Mosquitoville Players.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Although this year’s event has reached capacity, those interested in attending next year’s Harvest Supper can find information through the UM Museum’s website.

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18 Inexorable

20 State Farm rival

22 Entirely

23 Sir ____ Newton was an English mathematician

24 Aquarium build up

26 SAT takers

27 Polite agreement

30 Reindeer of North America

34 Nutlike kernel

35 Biblical trio

36 Barley bristle

37 Legal claim

38 Conductor Salli

40 ____ saw Elba

41 Author Le Shan

42 Trifling

43 Create with the imagination

45 Notched

47 Express support

48 Surgery sites, briefly

49 Royal

50 1977 George Burns film

53 Average

54 Russian drink

58 Mass communication

61 Would ____ to you?

62 "A Death in the Family" author

63 Spring sign

64 Nick Charles's wife

65 Tear

66 Mall unit

67 Sudden blast of wind

DOWN

1 What ____ mind reader?

2 Local

3 Discharge

4 Aromatic bark

5 Here, in Le Havre

6 Polite refusal

7 Sufficient

8 1994 Jodie Foster film

9 JFK listing

10 Two-time U.S. Open champ

11 Castro's country

12 Scat queen

13 Blueprint detail

17 Wispy clouds

21 Greenspan of the Fed

25 Small mechanical

26 Droopy

27 Some locks

28 Omit in pronunciation

29 Campaign tactic

30 Automotive vehicle

31 Less covered

32 1936 Olympics star

33 Band together

35 "The Simpsons" bartender

39 Before, in poetry

40 Developing

42 ____ Gras

44 Mont. neighbor

46 Firmly implanted

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Football team turns to younger players to lead defense

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The Rebels are in trouble. After winning two so-called “cupcake” games at home, their record quickly dropped to an ugly 2-3, courtesy of a brutal three-game road trip. In the past 120 minutes of gameplay, the Ole Miss defense has allowed 110 points. That’s the kind of stat line only a basketball coach would be proud of. And while Auburn’s win rocked Oxford, the Rebels found a hint of solace in their improved second-half performance.

“It’s obviously not a positive note,” quarterback Shea Patterson said. “But it’s better than we did versus Alabama.”

At the forefront of last week-end’s second-half resurgence, a young star stepped onto the main stage. Sophomore defensive tackle Josiah Coatney is taking a position of leadership and respect on the Mississippi defense, and he has the numbers to back up that role. Coatney said he’s motivated by the embarrassment his team has endured and that it’s time to do what he can to win games.

“I have to get into my mindset, as the season goes on, that I have to make as many plays as I can, because I do want to win games,” Coatney said. “I still have to kick it up a notch. Even if I feel like I’m playing good, I have to kick it up a notch. The will to win is burning deep. I

don’t like not winning games. Everything I can do, I’m doing.”

Coatney’s numbers continue to exceed what’s traditionally expected of an interior defensive lineman. He recorded eight tackles, including three for a loss against Auburn, even as the defensive unit allowed the opposition 44 points. Those numbers are more likely to come from linebackers and defensive ends, and opposing teams are quickly taking notice.

“The last couple of games, I’ve been getting a lot of double teams. Actually, I’ve been getting mostly double teams,” Coatney said. “But when I get a single block, I take advantage of it. Even if I get a double team, I’ll find a way to take advantage of it.”

Opposing teams are not the only ones noticing Coatney’s production. His teammates have begun looking to the young tackle for inspiration as the group looks to rebound from recent struggles. Coatney is ready to accept the role.

“It’s at that point where somebody has to drop the hammer,” Coatney said. “We really have to get things turned around. I know I’m only a sophomore, but I really want to win, and I want to get everybody else in the same mindset. Everybody came here to win. Nobody came to lose games.”

As the Rebels prepare for further conference matchups, including their upcoming



PHOTO BY: WILSON BENTON

Matt Luke locks the Vaught with the team before running on the field for the game against UT Martin earlier this season.

homecoming game against Vanderbilt on Saturday, Coatney’s leadership on the field could inject some life into a dead-and-gone Ole Miss season.

“We emphasize positivity on the sideline,” Patterson said. “There’s lot of guys that took last week and (said) enough is enough.”

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Softball continues fall season with MGCCC matchup

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Following its best season in school history, Ole Miss softball is making the offseason rounds in an eight-game fall schedule. This prelude into the Rebels' highly anticipated follow-up continues with a visit to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College this afternoon, the former home of Rebel ace Kaitlin Lee.

Lee, a senior from Gulfport, played her first two collegiate seasons with the MGCCC Bulldogs and quickly made a name for herself at the junior college level. Then boasting a 20-4 record and a 1.79 ERA, Lee helped guide the Bulldogs to a ninth-place finish in the NJCAA Division II National Tournament in her first season.

The following year, the freshman phenom transitioned to sophomore star, earning honors such as NJCAA Division II All-American and MAJCH Pitcher of the Year. Lee improved in nearly every statistical category, improving on an already deadly delivery. Her 0.84 ERA was second in the nation, she struck out 138 batters in 167 innings and she even threw a

perfect game against Southern Union.

As if she wasn't feared enough on the mound, Lee added 17 doubles and a highly respectable .369 batting average to her already impressive resume. Following one of the most dominant seasons for a pitcher in Mississippi junior college history, Lee became the first Bulldog to sign a scholarship with an SEC softball team.

Last year, her first with the Rebels, the 5-foot-6-inch wonder captured the national spotlight with a breakout season. Setting school single-season records for complete games (27), shutouts (10), innings pitched (249.2) and starts (37), Lee proved she had what it takes to not only play in the SEC but also to compete nationally at the Division I level. Again, the accolades poured in, reaffirming the star's place on top. From Second Team All-SEC honors to receiving Second Team All-American honors and an SEC Championship MVP award, Lee replicated the success she fostered at MGCCC by growing it into an undeniable showcase of talent. The Rebels found yet another junior college diamond in the rough.



PHOTO BY: TAYLAR TEEL

Pitcher Katlin Lee throws the first strike in a game against Memphis earlier this season. Lee will play against her former community college Wednesday.

Now, more than a year removed from her program-shaking transfer to Ole Miss, Lee will finally meet her old team again today. Whether the reunion is warm and congratulatory or cold and attacking, the result will surely be enjoyable. Knowing Lee, expect plenty of head

and a hefty collection of retired MGCCC batters.

Upon the conclusion of the fall season, Ole Miss — led by Lee and fellow seniors Paige McKinney and Alex Schneider, among others — will move into preparation for its regular season in the spring. While expectations

are higher than ever for the right-handed pitcher, Lee's trend of annual improvement shows she will likely once again burst through those expectations and possibly rewrite the record books along the way.

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